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The Jewish Vocational Service of Newark, New Jersey, 1950-1980

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The Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) of Newark, New Jersey was founded during the Great Depression, and provided vocational training for members of the local Jewish community, both native born and recent immigrants. Although a small organization for the first years of its existence, the JVS's responsibilities, and staff expanded in the aftermath of World War II, in response to changes within the community that it was established to serve.

Jewish Chautauqua, Jewish History, and a Jewish Correspondence School: A Failed Experiment in Jewish Education

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The Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS) represents a formative chapter in the history of American Jewish education. It organized the first national Jewish teachers institutes as well as a correspondence school for religious-school teachers, and was a pioneer in the areas of adult education, textbook publication, audio-visual production, and curricular development. Ultimately it failed to become the national center its founders envisioned it to be.

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In 1948 Abba Hillel Silver spoke to the United Nations General Assembly, advocating the creation of the State of Israel. Silver rose to prominence as a leader of the American Zionist movement during the decade that witnessed the mass destruction of the Holocaust and the creation of a Jewish homeland. This article demonstrates how he integrated his American identity with his Zionism.

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Prior to World War I hundreds of thousands of Jewish immigrants left the Russian empire to make new lives away from Tzarist repression. Among this mass migration were thousands of Jews who left Russia and entered the U.S. through the port of Galveston, while another group migrated from Eastern Europe to Palestine. Alroey's article compares these two, relatively small, groups of immigrants and places their story into the wider panoply of Jewish historiography.

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